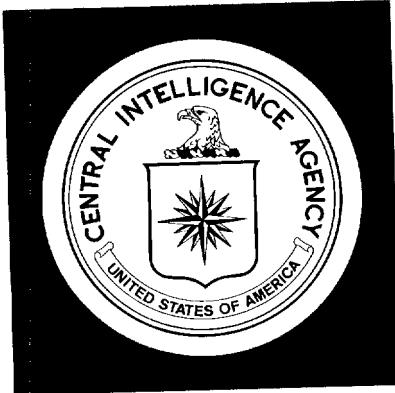


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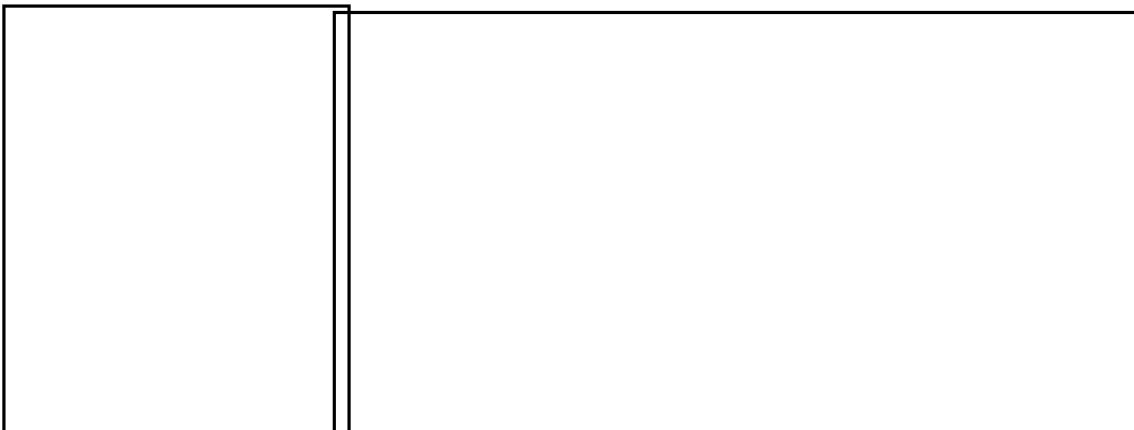
VIETNAM: North Vietnamese repair Khe Sanh airfield.
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VIETNAM: The North Vietnamese have continued their construction on the Khe Sanh airfield in northern South Vietnam, and they may now be ready to fly transports into the field.

Aerial photography [redacted] indicates about 2,800 feet of the main runway is usable. In addition, the North Vietnamese are reconstructing an abandoned parallel runway, and approximately 4,200 feet of this runway can be used. Light transport aircraft such as the LI-2 and the AN-2 could operate from these runways, but it would be difficult for jet fighters to do so. The North Vietnamese also have elaborate air defenses in this sector of South Vietnam, including several operational SA-2 surface-to-air missile sites near the airfield.



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